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**MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL USE OF GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARD**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **RICHARD W. PATRICK** was sentenced on February 9, 2006, in U.S. District Court in Savannah, Georgia, by U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield. Patrick was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment, three (3) years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100. Patrick was further ordered to pay restitution to the Department of Defense in the amount of \$223,305.99.

On November 1, 2005, Patrick pled guilty to an Information charging that between January 2001 and January 2004, Patrick committed the offense of theft of government property, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. Evidence during the guilty plea hearing showed that Patrick was the airfield facilities manager, Departure and Arrival Airfield Control Group at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah. Patrick used a government issued IMPAC (International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card) issued to him to purchase items for personal use, make unauthorized purchases, and to benefit family members, fellow employees and friends.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agent Freddie Watkins, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent Chip Curington, U.S. Department of Defense D.C.I.S, and Special Agent Doug Caldwell, Department of the Army, Criminal Investigation Command.

The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Lamar C. Walter.

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